

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (withdrawn) A method of configuring a plurality of holes for playing a game on a course over at least one course-playing route, the method comprising:

providing a plurality of holes having predetermined shapes;

providing a plurality of putting greens having predetermined shapes;

locating a hole on the course, the hole selected from the plurality of holes;

and

locating a putting green on the course, the putting green selected for use with the selected hole.

2. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the plurality of putting greens are provided with a predetermined association with a respective plurality of playing areas.

3. (withdrawn) The method of claim 2, at least one of the plurality of playing areas comprising at least one area selected from the group of a mounded area, a hazard area and a chipping area.

4. (withdrawn) The method of claim 2 wherein at least one of the respective plurality of playing areas is sized to fit substantially within a putting green area of a hole.

5. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1, the step of locating a putting green on the course comprising:

locating the putting green based on an approach portion of a course-playing route, the route defined by a direction between a tee box of the hole and a location of the putting green when used with the selected hole.

6. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
providing at least one pair of holes configured with opposing arcuate
fairway portions.

7. (withdrawn) The method of claim 6 further comprising:
locating the pair of holes on the course to form an open area there
between to contain a body of water of sufficient size for irrigating a portion of the
course.

8. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
providing a predetermined association between a putting green and a
hole.

9. (withdrawn) The method of claim 8 wherein the predetermined
association between the putting green and the hole is based on an approach
portion of a course-playing route, the course-playing route defined by a direction
between a tee box of a selected hole and a location of the putting green when
used with the selected hole.

10. (withdrawn) The method of claim 8 wherein the predetermined
association between the putting green and the hole is based on a configuration of
a putting surface of the putting green.

11. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
providing at least one hole with a predetermined irrigation layout.

12. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
providing at least one hole with a predetermined lighting configuration.

13. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

locating a plurality of holes on the course to define a course-playing route for playing the game along at least one of two sequential holes having substantially coaxial longitudinal axes and two sequential holes having substantially parallel longitudinal axes.

14. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

providing the hole with a predetermined placement of at least one tee box.

15. (withdrawn) The method of claim 14 further comprising:

providing the hole with a predetermined placement of a short tee box, a medium tee box and a long tee box wherein each of the respective tee boxes is located a different distance from the putting green than the other tee boxes.

16. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

locating a plurality of holes on the course so that an outer boundary of the plurality of holes defines a substantially rectangular configuration.

17. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

providing each of the plurality of holes with a plurality of color-coded tee boxes wherein a respective plurality of course-playing routes are defined by respective ones of the plurality of color-coded tee boxes having the same color.

18. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

providing at least one putting green with a three dimensional target having a width and a height substantially greater than the width; and

providing a target attachment material affixed to the three dimensional target.

19. (withdrawn) The method of claim 18 further comprising:
providing at least one hole with a tee box; and
providing a mat and tee assembly for supporting a ball on the tee box.

20. (withdrawn) The method of claim 18 further comprising:
providing a cushion between the three dimensional target and the target
attachment material.

21. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
locating a grandstand proximate at least one of the plurality of holes; and
locating a plurality of manikins in the grandstand.

22. (currently amended) A course layout for players of varying playing ability to playing a game using at least one club and a limited flight tennis-like ball, the course layout comprising:

a plurality of repeated modular holes, each of the plurality of repeated modular holes contained within a rectangular boundary of substantially equal dimensions size, each of the plurality of holes and comprising:

a substantially rectangular playing area located proximate a first end of the rectangular boundary;

a plurality of teeing areas located at different positions within the rectangular boundary, the positions of the plurality of teeing areas are unassociated with the varying playing ability of the players, at least one of the plurality of teeing areas located proximate a second end of the rectangular boundary and at least one of the plurality of teeing areas located proximate a first side of the rectangular boundary;

a fairway positioned between the second end and the substantially rectangular playing area whereby at least a portion of the fairway is positioned between a first teeing area and the substantially rectangular playing area and between a second teeing area and the substantially rectangular playing area;

a standardized set of irrigation pipes extending along a length of the rectangular boundary; and

wherein the substantially rectangular playing area comprising a putting green, a mounded area adjacent a first side of the putting green and a chipping area proximate a front portion of the putting green

~~a set of substantially identical common features, the plurality of holes configured with respect to one another so that respective longitudinal axes of at least two holes are substantially parallel wherein play of the game on a first one of the at least two holes proceeds along a first direction and play on the second one of the at least two holes proceeds along a direction substantially opposite from the first direction.~~

23. (currently amended) The course layout of claim 22 wherein the plurality of repeated modular holes are further configured in a rectangular grid comprising at least two columns and at least two rows arranged so that respective longitudinal axes of each of the plurality of repeated modular holes within one of the at least two columns are substantially parallel with each other and so that the substantially rectangular playing area of two adjacent holes of the plurality of repeated modular holes within one of the at least two columns are located at opposite ends of the respective adjacent holes, ~~the plurality of holes further configured with respect to one another within the rectangular grid so that respective longitudinal axes of at least two consecutively played holes contained within a first row of the rectangular grid are substantially coaxial wherein play of the game on a first one and a second one of the at least two consecutively played holes proceeds along substantially the same direction.~~

24. (currently amended) The course layout of claim 22 wherein the plurality of repeated modular holes are further configured with respect to one another so that a longitudinal axis of a first repeated modular hole is substantially perpendicular with a longitudinal axis of a second repeated modular hole, ~~the set of substantially identical common features comprising a putting green positioned proximate a first end of a hole and at least one teeing area spaced from the putting green so that a distance from the at least one teeing area to the putting green is substantially the same within each of the plurality of holes.~~

25. (currently amended) The course layout of claim 22 wherein the plurality of repeated modular holes form a rectangular grid comprising two columns of contiguous repeated modular holes having substantially parallel longitudinal axes and eight rows of contiguous repeated modular holes having substantially coaxial longitudinal axes ~~wherein a direction for playing the game over consecutive ones of the plurality of holes proceeds along at least two pairs of contiguous holes having substantially coaxial longitudinal axes.~~

26. (currently amended) The course layout of claim 22, the substantially rectangular playing area further comprising a bunker adjacent a second side of the putting green~~25 wherein the direction for playing the game over consecutive ones of the plurality of holes proceeds along a first pair of the at least two pairs of contiguous holes within a first row of the rectangular grid in a first substantially linear direction and a second pair of the at least two pairs of contiguous holes within a second row of the rectangular grid in a second substantially linear direction that is substantially opposite the first direction.~~

27. (currently amended) The course layout of claim 22, at least one of the plurality of teeing areas located between a midpoint of the rectangular boundary length and the substantially rectangular playing area~~the set of substantially identical common features comprising:~~

~~a putting green located proximate a first end of each respective one of the plurality of holes; and~~

~~at least one tee box positioned in relation to the putting green to define a course playing route from the at least one tee box to the putting green of substantially the same distance within each of the plurality of holes.~~

28. (currently amended) The course layout of claim 22 a source of water at least partially within one of the rectangular boundaries and a pump for pumping water from the water source to each pair of substantially parallel irrigation pipes,~~the set of substantially identical common features comprising a standardized irrigation layout.~~

29. (currently amended) The course layout of claim 22, each of the plurality of repeated modular holes further comprising a plurality of light sources spaced along the rectangular boundary for illuminating the rectangular boundary interior area~~the set of substantially identical common features comprising a standardized lighting layout.~~

30. (currently amended) ~~The course layout of claim 22, the set of substantially identical common features comprising:~~

~~a putting green selected from a group of putting greens having 2,000, 2,500 and 3,000 square foot surfaces areas respectively;~~

~~a plurality of tee boxes positioned in relation to one another and the putting green to define a respective plurality of course playing routes from each respective tee box to the putting green so that the distance from each of the respective plurality of tee boxes to the putting green is substantially the same in each hole of the plurality of holes;~~

~~a standardized irrigation layout; and~~

~~a standardized lighting layout.~~

31. (cancel)

32. (currently amended) The course layout of claim 22 wherein a distance from each of the plurality of teeing areas to the substantially rectangular playing area are substantially the same in each of the plurality of repeated modular holes, ~~the set of substantially identical common features comprising:~~

~~a putting green selected from a group of putting greens having 2,000, 2,500 and 3,000 square foot surface areas respectively;~~

~~a plurality of tee boxes positioned in relation to one another and the putting green to define a respective plurality of course playing routes from each respective tee box to the putting green so that the distance from each of the respective plurality of tee boxes to the putting green is substantially the same in each hole of the plurality of holes;~~

~~a standardized irrigation layout;~~

~~a standardized lighting layout; and~~

~~a playing area comprising:~~

~~a mounded area having a predetermined size and shape;~~

~~a hazard area having a predetermined size and shape;~~

~~an approach area having a predetermined configuration; and~~

~~a chipping area having a predetermined configuration.~~

33. (currently amended) The course layout of claim 22 wherein, ~~the set of substantially identical common features comprising:~~

~~a the fairway within each of the plurality of repeated modular holes have having substantially the same length; and~~

~~a the putting green within each of the plurality of repeated modular holes is selected from a group of putting greens having varying predetermined contoured surfaces; and~~

~~a plurality of color coded tee boxes spaced from each other and the putting green thereby defining a plurality of course playing routes of varying distances from each of the plurality of color coded tee boxes to the putting green.~~

34. (cancel)

35. (currently amended) ~~The course layout of claim 22, the set of substantially identical common features comprising:~~

~~a putting green;~~

~~the course layout further comprising a three dimensional target having a width and a height substantially greater than the width, the three dimensional target placed on the putting green within each of the plurality of repeated modular holes; and~~

~~a target attachment material affixed to the three dimensional target.~~

36. (currently amended) ~~The course layout of claim 35, the set of substantially identical common features further comprising:~~

~~at least one tee box; and~~

~~the course layout further comprising a mat and tee assembly for supporting a the limited flight tennis-like ball on one of the plurality of teeing areas at least one tee box.~~

37. (Original) The course layout of claim 35 further comprising:

a cushion between the three dimensional target and the target attachment material.

38. (cancel)

39. (currently amended)A course for playing a game by players having varying playing ability, the game played using at least one club and a limited flight ball, the course comprising:

a plurality of repeated modular holes ~~corridors~~ of substantially equal rectangular dimensions ~~size configured to define a grid wherein respective longitudinal axes of at least two hole corridors are substantially parallel to each other, each of~~ the plurality of repeated modular holes ~~corridors~~ comprising a set of substantially identical common features comprising;

a fairway having substantially the same length;

no more than one putting green located proximate a first end of the rectangular dimension ~~a respective hole corridor selected from a group of putting greens having respective predetermined shapes and sizes; and~~

a plurality of teeing areas ~~boxes~~ within the rectangular dimension and positioned with respect to the putting green to define a respective plurality of course-playing routes of varying distances from respective ones of the plurality of teeing areas ~~boxes~~ to the putting green, the positions of the plurality of teeing areas are unassociated with the varying playing ability of the players, at least one of the plurality of teeing areas positioned proximate a second end of the rectangular dimension ~~within each of the plurality of hole corridors; and~~

a substantially rectangular playing area surrounding the putting green comprising a mounded area and a chipping area.

40. (currently amended)The course of claim 41 further comprising:

a recreational area adjacent the plurality of repeated modular holes~~grid~~, the recreational area comprising at least one facility selected from the group of a soccer field, a softball field, a volleyball court, a swimming pool and a set of batting cages.

41. (currently amended)The course of claim 40 wherein the plurality of repeated modular holes ~~grid~~ and the recreational area are contained within ~~an~~ a substantially rectangular area of approximately 50 acres.

42. (currently amended)The course of claim 39 further comprising:
at least two of the plurality of repeated modular holes corridors positioned
contiguous to one another within a first row of the a grid and having respective
longitudinal axes that are substantially coaxial; and
at least two of the plurality of repeated modular holes corridors positioned
continuous to one another within a first column of the grid and having respective
longitudinal axes that are substantially parallel.

43. (currently amended)The course of claim 42 further comprising:
at least one of the plurality of repeated modular holes corridor comprising
~~the set of substantially identical common features adjacent to the grid and~~ having
a longitudinal axis that is substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of one
of the plurality of repeated modular holes corridors defining the grid.

44. (currently amended)The course of claim 39, ~~the set of substantially~~
~~identical common features~~ each of the plurality of repeated modular holes further
comprising a standardized irrigation layout comprising a pair of spaced apart
parallel pipes and a set of sprinkler heads attached to each pipe for irrigating an
area within each of the plurality of repeated modular holes corridors.

45. (currently amended)The course of claim 44, ~~the set of substantially~~
~~identical common features~~ each of the plurality of repeated modular holes further
comprising a standardized lighting configuration comprising a plurality of
illumination sources positioned ~~with respect to the respective plurality of tee~~
~~boxes and putting green within each of the plurality of hole corridors~~ along the
respective rectangular dimension to illuminate an area within a respective
repeated modular hole corridor.

46. (currently amended)The course of claim 39, at least one of the plurality of repeated modular holes ~~corridors~~ further comprising:

a three dimensional target having a width and a height substantially greater than the width, the three dimensional target attached to the putting green;
and

a target attachment material affixed to the three dimensional target.

47. (currently amended)The course of claim 46, the at least one of the plurality of repeated modular holes ~~corridors~~ further comprising:

a mat and tee assembly on at least one of the plurality of teeing areas ~~boxes~~ for supporting a the limited flight tennis-like ball on the teeing area ~~box~~.

48. (currently amended)The course of claim 47, the at least one of the plurality of repeated modular holes ~~corridors~~ further comprising:

a cushion between the three dimensional target and the target attachment material.

49. (cancel)

50. (cancel)

51. (cancel)

52. (withdrawn) A scoring method for playing a game on a course comprising at least one hole wherein a plurality of course-playing routes are defined between a respective plurality of tee boxes and at least one putting green, the scoring method comprising:

selecting a course-playing route for playing the game;

determining a target score for the course-playing route;

hitting a ball with a club to propel the ball from a tee box on the course-playing route to a three-dimensional target removably attached to a putting green on the course-playing route;

determining a score by counting a number of times the ball is hit to propel the ball from the tee box until the ball contacts the three-dimensional target; and
calculating a differential between the score and the target score.

53. (withdrawn) The scoring method of claim 52 further comprising:
determining a distance assessment level for a player.

54. (withdrawn) The scoring method of claim 53, the step of determining a distance assessment level for a player comprising:
calculating an average distance the player hits a ball using a club.

55. (withdrawn) The scoring method of claim 53 further comprising:
determining a target score for the player based on the player's distance assessment level.

56. (withdrawn) The scoring method of claim 55 further comprising:
determining a differential for the player; and
determining a competitive rating for the player based on the player's target score and the differential for the player.

57. (withdrawn) The scoring method of claim 52 further comprising:
determining a climatic difficulty factor; and
determining a daily target score based on the target score for the course-playing route and the climatic difficulty factor.

58. (withdrawn) The scoring method of claim 52, the selected course-playing route comprising a plurality of holes wherein at least two of the plurality of holes have respective longitudinal axes that are substantially coaxial and at least two of the plurality of holes have respective longitudinal axes that are substantially parallel.

59. (withdrawn) The scoring method of claim 58 wherein the selected course-playing route is defined by respective ones of the plurality of tee boxes having a same color-coded synthetic surface.

60. (withdrawn) The scoring method of claim 52 further comprising:
determining a plurality of target scores for a course-playing route;
associating the plurality of target scores with a plurality of distance assessment levels so that a player may determine a target score based on a distance assessment level determined for the player.

61. (withdrawn) The scoring method of claim 60 further comprising:
determining a competitive rating for the player based on the target score determined for the player.

62. (withdrawn) The scoring method of claim 60 further comprising:
associating the plurality of target scores with a respective plurality of levels used to determine a competitive rating for a player;
determining at least one class differential range for at least one of the respective plurality of levels used to determine a competitive rating for a player;
and
determining a competitive rating for a player based on a target score determined for the player and a differential calculated for the player after playing the game on a course-playing route.

63. (withdrawn) The scoring method of claim 52 further comprising:
determining a plurality of target scores for a course-playing route;
associating the plurality of target scores with a plurality of distance assessment levels so that a plurality of players may determine a respective target score based on a respective distance assessment level determined for respective ones of the plurality of players;
associating the plurality of target scores with a respective plurality of levels used to determine a competitive rating for a player;
determining a plurality of class differential ranges for each of the respective plurality of levels used to determine a competitive rating for a player;
determining a respective competitive rating for each of the plurality of players based on a respective target score determined for each of the plurality of players and a respective differential calculated for each of the plurality of players after playing the game on the course-playing route; and
assigning a tournament division to each of the plurality of players based on the respective competitive rating determined for each of the plurality of players.

64. (withdrawn) The scoring method of claim 52, the course-playing route comprising:

- a putting green having a predetermined shape and size;
- a hole selected from a plurality of holes having predetermined shapes;
- a predetermined irrigation layout;
- a mat and tee assembly for supporting the ball on a tee box; and
- a plurality of color-coded tee boxes defining a respective plurality of course-playing routes between the color-coded tee boxes and a putting green.